

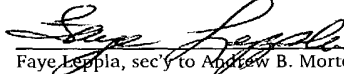
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The Applicant, through his attorney, requests the following amendments be entered prior to examination and prior to calculation of the fee.

**In the claims:**

Please amend claims 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10 as follows:

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, and comprising causing turbulence to the air flow prior to passing the withdrawn air through ultraviolet radiation.
4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the agent is an antimicrobial substance in a silane.
8. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 6, and comprising means (6b) for causing the air flow to separate into a number of various paths in order to cause turbulence in the air flow.

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9. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the antimicrobial agent is coated on at least some of the internal surfaces of the filter (6a) and/or the air flow separating means (6b).
10. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the antimicrobial agent is coated on at least some of the internal surfaces of the filter and/or the air flow separating means.

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or bias.

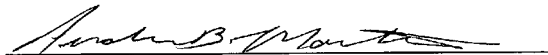
#### REMARKS

The amendments presented hereinabove have been made in order to eliminate multiple dependency of some of the claims as filed. A Demand was filed on February 5, 2002.

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Should the Examiner care to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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**MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS**  
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Claims 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10 have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [or 2], and comprising causing turbulence to the air flow prior to passing the withdrawn air through ultraviolet radiation.
4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [2 or 3], wherein the agent is an antimicrobial substance in a silane.
8. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 6 [or 7], and comprising means (6b) for causing the air flow to separate into a number of various paths in order to cause turbulence in the air flow.
9. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 7 [or 8], wherein the antimicrobial agent is coated on at least some of the internal surfaces of the filter (6a) and/or the air flow separating means (6b).
10. (Amended) Apparatus [for purifying air substantially as hereinbefore describes with reference to the accompanying drawings] according to claim 8, wherein the antimicrobial agent is coated on at least some of the internal surfaces of the filter and/or the air flow separating means.

Claim 5 has been canceled.